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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1-54. (Cancelled).

55. (New) A document data handling apparatus for coupling a plurality of document

data, wherein each of the plurality of document data includes a plurality of types of files, said

apparatus comprising:

a document managing part configured to manage the plurality of document data;

a document data coupling control part configured to control a document data coupling

process; and

a document name generating part configured to cause a document name of second

document data obtained from coupling the plurality of document data to take over a

document name of the document data from which the coupling is thus carried out, and to use

a document name of the second document data as file names of the respective document data

from which the second documents data is thus obtained.

56. (New) The apparatus of claim 55, wherein the document managing part is further

configured to manage correspondence between the document name of the document data and

the file names of the files from which the document data is thus obtained.

57. (New) The apparatus of claim 55, wherein the document name generating part is

further configured to use indexes indicating an order in the second document data, as the file

names of the respective files from which the second document data is thus obtained.

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- 58. (New) The apparatus of claim 57, wherein the document coupling control part is further configured to control, upon coupling document data together, an order of respective files from which the document data is thus obtained.
 - 59. (New) The apparatus of claim 55, further comprising:

a display control part configured to display a page through which an instruction by a user for coupling document data together is received.

60. (New) A document data handling method for coupling a plurality of document data, wherein each of the plurality of document data includes a plurality of types of files, the method comprising:

managing the plurality of document data;

controlling a document data coupling process;

causing a document name of second document data obtained from coupling the plurality of document data to take over a document name of the document data from which the coupling is thus carried out; and

using a document name of the second document data as file names of the respective document data from which the second documents data is thus obtained.

61. (New) The method of claim 60, wherein the managing step comprises managing a correspondence between the document name of the document data and the file names of the files from which the document data is thus obtained.

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62. (New) The method of claim 60, wherein the using step comprises using indexes indicating an order in the second document data as the file names of the respective files from which the second document data is thus obtained.

63. (New) The method of claim 62, wherein the step of controlling comprises controlling, upon coupling document data together, an order of respective files from which the document data is thus obtained.

64. (New) The method of claim 60, further comprising:

displaying a page through which an instruction by a user for coupling document data together is received.

65. (New) A computer readable medium storing instructions for execution on a computer system, when executed by the computer system, causes the computer system to perform a method for coupling a plurality of document data, wherein each of the plurality of document data includes a plurality of types of files, the steps comprising:

managing the plurality of document data;

controlling a document data coupling process;

causing a document name of second document data obtained from coupling the plurality of document data to take over a document name of the document data from which the coupling is thus carried out; and

using a document name of the second document data as file names of the respective document data from which the second documents data is thus obtained.

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- 66. (New) The computer readable medium of claim 65, wherein the managing step comprises managing a correspondence between the document name of the document data and the file names of the files from which the document data is thus obtained.
- 67. (New) The computer readable medium of claim 65, wherein the using step comprises using indexes indicating an order in the second document data as the file names of the respective files from which the second document data is thus obtained.
- 68. (New) The computer readable medium of claim 67, wherein the step of controlling comprises controlling, upon coupling document data together, an order of respective files from which the document data is thus obtained.
- 69. (New) The computer readable medium of claim 65, further comprising: displaying a page through which an instruction by a user for coupling document data together is received.